

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1828

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SMUGGLING OF DIESEL AND KEROSENE

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Rs. 5000 crore diesel, kerosene smuggling booms, Government bleeds` appeared in `Indian Express` dated June 24, 2001;
- (b) if so, whether smuggling of diesel and kerosene is taking place in parts along the Gujarat and Maharashtra coasts causing loss of revenue to the public exchequer of around Rs. 2500 crore per annum;
- (c) if so, the details of the countries from where the diesel and kerosene is being smuggled, the persons involved and the modus-operandi adopted therein; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the said smuggling?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) to (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.